

CONGRESSMAN CHARLIE MELANCON

Honoring My Commitment *to Louisiana Seniors.*



Congressman Melancon discusses a bill he sponsored to lower prescription drug costs for seniors at a meeting in Houma.





A MESSAGE FROM Congressman Charlie Melancon

“For the past few months, the talk in Washington has been focused on a health care reform bill. As your Congressman, I’m committed to keeping health care costs down, strengthening Medicare and making sure every senior has access to a hospital or a clinic near their home.

While I voted against the health care reform bill in the House, I have been fighting to ensure that seniors and Medicare are protected, and benefits are guaranteed. We can all agree that health care costs need to be lowered, but we must not do so at the expense of our seniors and Medicare. (H.R. 3962)

Over the past year, I’ve worked in Congress to make sure seniors living on fixed incomes receive the benefits they’ve earned. In the coming year, I’ll continue to honor my commitment to Louisiana’s seniors.”



A handwritten signature of Charlie Melancon in blue ink.

Congressman Melancon listens to constituents
at a diner in Assumption Parish.

Keeping Medicare Affordable for Seniors

- ★ Congressman Melancon voted for the *Medicare Premium Fairness Act*, which will prevent a projected increase in Medicare Part B premiums for seniors and the disabled. This important bill helps seniors living on fixed incomes through tough economic times. (H.R. 3631)



Congressman Melancon visits a senior citizens center to discuss his support for the Social Security Fairness Act.

Establishing a Better Formula for Cost-of-Living Adjustments

- ★ The *Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers Act*, co-sponsored by Congressman Melancon, will reform the way Social Security COLAs are calculated. This bill proposes a fairer and more equitable COLA that takes into consideration the rising cost of health care that hits seniors the hardest. (H.R. 2429)

Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs

- ★ To help bring down the cost of prescription drugs, Congressman Charlie Melancon co-sponsored the *Pathway for Biosimilars Act* (H.R. 1548). This bill would make lower-cost generic alternatives available to consumers faster, so seniors pay less for the prescription drugs they need.

Protecting Social Security Benefits for Retirees

- ★ Congressman Melancon is a co-sponsor of the *Social Security Fairness Act* (H.R. 235). This bill would make sure Louisiana's retirees get the full Social Security benefits they have earned by repealing the government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions. The WEP and GPO reduce Social Security benefits for hundreds of thousands of retired public employees, like former school teachers, firefighters and public safety officers. Congressman Melancon is fighting to repeal the WEP and GPO because all Louisianians deserve the Social Security benefits they have worked hard for.

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Medicare Premium Fairness Act will benefit
senior citizens in south Louisiana.

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